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Granger's Store
St. Michaels
Private

c. 1920

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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. T-739

Magi No.

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1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic GRANGER'S STORE

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Southeast corner of South Talbot and Chew sts. ⁶⁰¹ not for publicationcity, town St. Michaels vicinity of congressional district Firststate Maryland county Talbot

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u> </u> ^x occupied	<u> </u> agriculture
<u> </u> ^x building(s)	<u> </u> ^x private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> ^x commercial
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> ^x yes: restricted	<u> </u> government
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial
	<u> </u> ^x not applicable	<u> </u> no	<u> </u> military
			<u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name

street & number telephone no.: city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Clerk of Court liber 385street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio 372city, town Easton state MD 21601

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

Depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☒ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☒ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Granger's store stands on the southeast corner of the intersection of East Chew and South Talbot streets in the southern section of St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland. The single-story, rusticated concrete block building faces west while the principal gable roof is oriented on an east/west axis.

Built around 1920, the single story rectangular block building is covered by a medium pitched metal roof through which a centrally located brick stove stack protrudes.

The west (main) elevation that faces Talbot Street is marked by a corner, double-door entrance. Partially glazed double front doors are sheltered by a shed roof porch supported by metal posts. Large two-over-two sash windows light the commercial space from the west and north, since the south side is a largely blind wall. The north side wall is pierced by a secondary double door entrance as well.

The interior was not seen.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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name/title	Paul Touart Architectural Historian		
organization	Private Consultant	date	2/3/90
street & number	P. O. Box 5	telephone	301-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	MD 21871

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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YEAR: 1963 VOL: 385 PAGE: 372

FROM: St. Michaels Milling Co., Inc.

TO : J. McKenney Willis & Son

NOTES: Parcel 8 on the SE ccorner of Talbot and Chew: 60 feet on Talbot by 106 1/2 feet on Chew. Originally 120 feet long until a strip 13 1/2 feet wide by 60 feet was sold by George E. Knott to Samuel M. Quillen 1920, 186/220. Conveyed to St. Michaels Milling Co. by Shores 1954, 318/12.

YEAR: 1954 VOL: 318 PAGE: 12

FROM: Eva S. Shores (Austin) and Wilson S. Shores & Alma G. Carroll

TO : St. Michaels Milling Co., Inc.

NOTES: Same Description.

Conveyed to Austin and Carroll by Granger 1951, 291/135.

YEAR: 1951 VOL: 291 PAGE: 135

FROM: Martha D. Granger, widow

TO : Eva S. Austin and Alma G. Carroll

NOTES: Same description. Parcel 1. of Reddie to Granger 1944, 259/141.

YEAR: 1944 VOL: 259 PAGE: 141

FROM: William Reddie

TO : Martha D. Granger and Lurley Lee Granger

NOTES: Parcel one: Same description. To Reddie by Granger (clearance) Conveyed to Granger by Knott 1923, 196/107.

Conveyed to Martha Granger by will of William A. Granger 1930, 26/131

YEAR: 1923 VOL: 196 PAGE: 107

FROM: George E. Knott \$350

TO : William A. Granger and Martha D. Granger

NOTES: Same description.

Conveyed to Knott by Noble 1919, 182/278.

YEAR: 1919 VOL: 182 PAGE: 278

FROM: Thomas A. Noble & wife \$700

TO : George E. Knott

NOTES: Begins on Talbot Street opposite the S boundary of Mrs. Reese's lot; run E with the lot of the late Charles E. Fairbank 120 feet to the Roller Mill lot of Robert S. Dodson; N with the mill lot 60 feet to Chew Avenue; with Chew W 120 feet to Talbot Street; S on Talbot 60 feet to the beginning. Conveyed to Noble by Burns 1914, 169/292.

YEAR: 1914 VOL: 169 PAGE: 292
FROM: James F. Burns and M. Olivia Burns and Samuel H. Burns \$500
TO : Thomas A. Noble
NOTES: Samme description.
Conveyed to Burns by Holland 1907, 151/78.

YEAR: 1907 VOL: 151 PAGE: 78
FROM: James Edward Holland \$400
TO : James F. Burns and Samuel H. Burns
NOTES: Same description.
Conveyed to Holland by Harrison 1905, 145/17.

YEAR: 1905 VOL: 145 PAGE: 17
FROM: James H. Harrison and Martha E. Harrison \$80
TO : James Edwin Holland
NOTES: Same description.
Conveyed to Louisa Harrison by Dr. John Miller 1883, 96/4.
Devised by Louisa Harrison to her husband, Alfred H. Harrison (will) 1891, 14/50
Devised by Alfred H. Harrison to his son James H. Harrison (will) 1896, 14/473.

YEAR: 1883 VOL: 96 PAGE: 4
FROM: Dr. John Miller \$130
TO : Louisa Harrison
NOTES: The lot is 60 x 120. It is described as being part of the Harrington land located on the corner of Talbot Street and a new street, the continuation of Chew Avenue "which is to be opened".

YEAR: 1858 VOL: 68 PAGE: 105
FROM: Nathan Harrington and Sarah A. Harrington \$2,800
TO : Dr. John Miller
NOTES: Part of Beach, Bentley Hay, Jane's Progress, and Matthew Circumvented, about 50 acres. All of the remaining land that James Benson and Nathan Harrington bought from the heirs of John Dorgan in 1848 (61/451).
James Benson conveyed his interest to Harrington by deed 1850, 63/250.

YEAR: 1848 VOL: 61 PAGE: 451
FROM: Heirs of John Dorgan
TO : Nathan Harrington and James Benson
NOTES: Part of "The Beach", "Bentley Hay", "Jane's Progress", and "Matthew Circumvented". About 50 acres. The first course of the deed began at the original (1804) boundary of the Town of St. Michaels at the foot of East Chestnut Street, 120 feet from the front of the lots on the street. It ran along the back of the Chestnut Street lots until it reached the main road, where it turned east. It included all of the land in "Miller's Addition to St. Michaels".

YEAR: 1813 VOL: 36 PAGE: 288

FROM: Elizabeth Sherwood PRICE: \$487.902/3

TO: John Dorgan

NOTES The deed was made in accordance with a decree of the Chancery Court, Dec. Term, 1812 (1812, 36/291), Dorgan vs the heirs of Hugh Sherwood. Apparently, a deal had been made between Thomas Sherwood, father of Hugh, and John Dorgan to sell Dorgan all of the land Thomas Sherwood had purchased from John Thompson in 1791 and from William Harrison in 1785. This amounted to all of Braddock's unsold land - parts of "Bentley Hay", "Janes Progress", "The Beach", "Chance", and "Matthew Circumvented". Both Thomas and Hugh Sherwood died and the widow Elizabeth was forced to honor the commitment.

YEAR: 1785 VOL: 23 PAGE: 115

FROM: William Harrison PRICE: p275cm

TO: Thomas Sherwood

NOTES "All the following pieces and parcels of land, to wit: Part of a tract of land called "Bentley Hay"; Part of a tract of land called "Janes Progress"; and part of a tract of land called "Beach". All of the aforesaid pieces of land to extend as far as a street distinguished on the plat of St. Michaels as Chestnut Street.

YEAR: 1786 VOL: 23 PAGE: 116

FROM: James Wignal PRICE: p275sp

TO: William Harrison

NOTES Deed runs through the chain of title of part of "Bentley Hay", "Janes Progress", and "Beach". Begins with sale of Philip Wetheral's property to James Braddock; Braddock was in arrears with Gildart & Gawith; Braddock had willed his property to John Thompson; John Thompson has conveyed to Wignal as representative of Gildart & Gawith; now Wignal conveys to William Harrison.

YEAR: 1778 VOL: 21 PAGE: 66

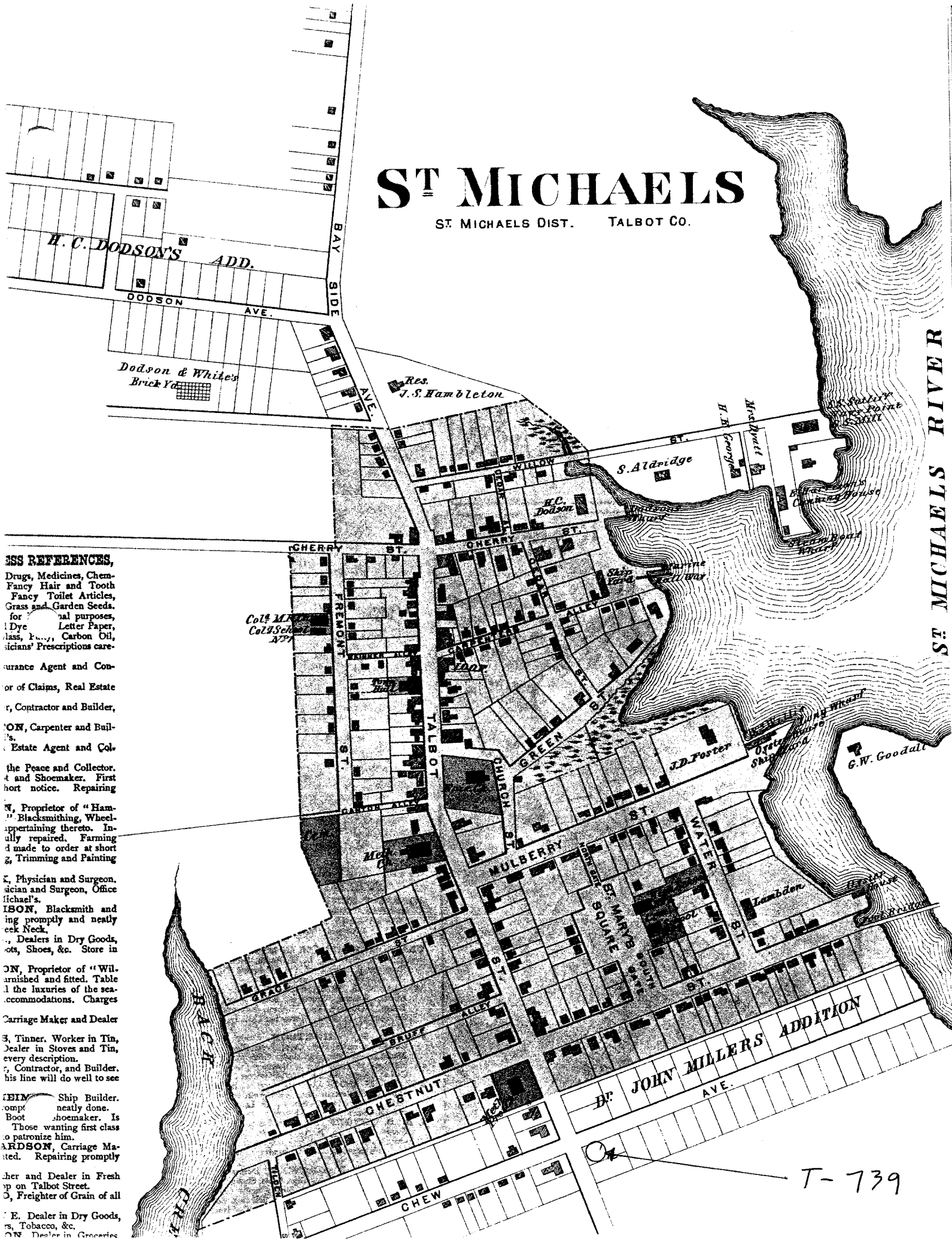
FROM: Thomas Kemp and Robert Richardson PRICE: p1550cm

TO: James Braddock

NOTES This was an "auction" of the real estate of Philip Wetheral. Braddock acquired 127 acres at this time, of which he used about 20 acres for his original "town of St. Michaels". Braddock's plat of St. Michaels has been lost and his plan for the town must be constructed from the deeds for land sold by him before his death in 1782. When the village was surveyed in 1806-1806 for erection into a legally constituted town, the surveyors were required to take into consideration the town plan of Braddock as indicated in his deeds. As far as it is possible to determine from the survey of 1804-1806, the land south of the back of the lots on Chestnut Street (East and West), although belonging to Braddock, was not included by him in his plan for the town. It was also not included within the town as surveyed in 1804-1806.

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ST. MICHAELS DIST. TALBOT CO.



ST MICHAELS RIVER

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GRANGER'S STORE
St. Michaels, MD Quadrangle
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St. Michaels, Talbot County, MD

Northwest elevation

11/89, Paul Touart, photographer

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